

\$125,000 federal grant will go towards purchase of a new fire truck

Ocean County - Congressman John Adler today announced \$125,000 in federal grant funds for the Toms River Board of Fire Commissioners, District #2. The grant is intended to support the purchase of a new fire vehicle.

"Our brave first responders risk their lives to keep our community safe," Congressman Adler said. "In these difficult economic times, municipalities face severe budget constraints, which affect our local emergency response services. They deserve to receive their fair share of federal resources for public safety."

"This funding will provide the resources to keep our fire fighters safe on the job," said Toms River Mayor Thomas F. Kelaher. "I am grateful for Congressman Adler's commitment to giving our community the equipment it needs."

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded this grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. These funds will enhance the ability of fire departments to purchase safety equipment and support training services.

Last year, Congressman Adler hosted several workshops to ensure local public safety departments were informed about the federal grant process. He supported the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which provided increased funding for Assistance to Firefighters Grants.